

REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

The Section 112 objections are believed to be traversed by the present amendments.

Claims 1, 10 and 18 are the only independent claims in the present application. Each independent claim includes limitations not disclosed by nor made obvious in view of the prior art. For example, each of the independent claims recites the use of three keys for receiving content, storing the content and re-encrypting the content. A “first key” is used “for decrypting the encrypted content”. A “second key” is used to encrypt the first key to create an “encrypted first key”. A “third key” is used for “encrypting the clear text content and the first key”.

Although some of these uses of keys are present in Aoki, not all of the uses are present. For example, Aoki does not show a step (or element or instruction) for “encrypting the clear text content and the first key with a third key” as recited in the present claims.


Aoki’s “third key” is described at col. 3, lines 60-65, where Aoki describes “an enciphering key control circuit for receiving key data regarding the first key from the network and enciphering the first key in accordance with the key data.” This “key data” is ostensibly a “third key” but it is not used to encrypt any content at all, much less the “clear text content” to which the claims are directed. Aoki teaches away from Applicant’s approach of using a third key to encrypt the clear text content. In Aoki “[t]he network interface circuit transmits the video data from the reading circuit and the enciphered first key to the network.” Thus, it is clear that in Aoki the first key is enciphered by the third key, but the “video data” (i.e., content) is not encrypted by the third key.

Neither does Nishimura disclose use of a third key in the manner in which the present independent claims are directed. Further, Applicant's additional dependent claims introduce further limitations not shown in the prior art such as the inclusion of an encrypted first key stored in a header in a storage medium.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-842-0300 (office) or 625-354-1515 (cell).

Respectfully submitted,

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